

HAYT FARMSTEAD, RECREATION BUILDING  
Route 311  
Patterson  
Putnam County  
New York

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Location: Route 311, Patterson, Putnam County, New York

Significance: This building contributes to the significance of the Hayt Farmstead as a place for games or other leisure activities.

Description: The recreation building is a two-room, side-gable frame structure set on a low rubble stone foundation. It has board-and-batten siding, 6/6 double-hung sash in flat plank frames, and a steeply-pitched cross gable over the entry to the south room. This room has a concrete floor and plastered walls covered with a paper that resembles wood paneling. The room is open to the roof, and formerly possessed brass light fixtures, including one suspended in the middle of the room and wall-mounted "sconce" type elements. The entry to this room is fitted with a vertical plank door hung from strap hinges, above which is a slightly smaller, but similar door. The north room of the structure has a marble flag floor and plastered walls and ceiling painted pale blue and white. A large light fixture, consisting of a translucent bowl, from which three small lights with translucent shades were hung, was formerly suspended on brass chains from the center of the ceiling about six feet above the floor. Windows of this room are fitted, on the outside, with heavy plank shutters hung from large strap hinges.

History: The construction date of this building is not known, nor its specific function. However, the board-and-batten siding is similar to that used on several other late 19th-century structures on the estate. The building appears to have been last used for games or other recreational activities, perhaps in association with the bowling alley directly opposite.

Sources: See Narrative Overview.

Architectural Historian: M.H. Bowers, Louis Berger & Associates, Inc., February 1989.

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